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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2006 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 13, 2007 (Saturday).

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,456,035 (Crisp). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crisp in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,233,284 (Mattsson). These rejections are respectfully traversed. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the following arguments.

Regarding the anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 based on Crisp, this claim recites an AC power supply apparatus that provides uninterruptible DC power by switching to